

Status of the

Iowa Workforce and Economy

2015 Statewide News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 17	Mar 20
Feb	Mar 27	Mar 27
Mar	Apr 21	Apr 21
Apr	May 27	May 27
May	June 19	June 23
June	July 21	July 21
July	Aug 21	Aug 25
Aug	Sept 18	Sept 22
Sept	Oct 20	Oct 20
Oct	Nov 20	Nov 24
Nov	Dec 18	Dec 22
Dec	Jan 26	Jan 26

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

		Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2014	Qtr 1	1,539,500	0.3%
	Qtr 2	1,546,500	0.5%
	Qtr 3	1,548,500	0.1%
	Qtr 4	1,557,200	0.6%
2015	Qtr 1	1,564,900	0.5%
	Qtr 2	1,567,600	0.2%
	Qtr 3	1,576,100	0.5%
	Qtr 4	1,581,500	0.3%

Iowa Workforce Development

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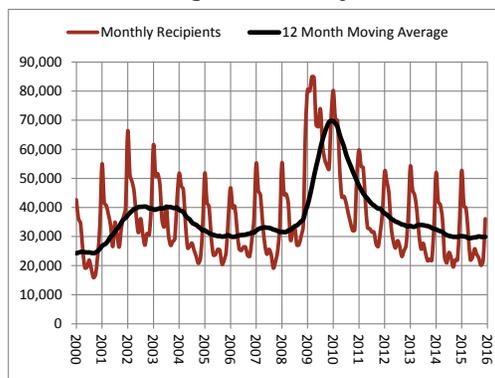
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- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 3.4 percent in December. The current rate compares with 4.3 percent for December 2014.
- The number of unemployed Iowans decreased to 58,300 in December.
- The U.S. unemployment rate remained at 5.0 percent in December.

Unemployment Insurance Recipients* Regular UI Only

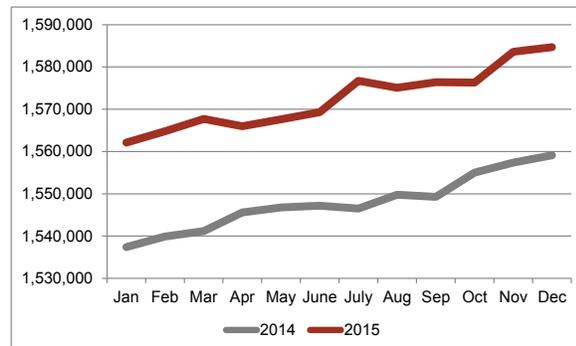


Source: Iowa Workforce Development Labor Market Information Division

*Recipients represents the number of persons receiving at least one UI payment during the month.

- The number of benefit recipients averaged 29,934 per month in 2015. This is slightly lower than the 2014 average of 30,073 per month.
- The highest number of UI benefit recipients during 2015 was 52,743 in January. The lowest was 20,039 in October.
- Iowa home sales prices continue to rise while the number of days on the market dropped compared to last year; however, the total number of actual home sales declined.
- U.S. nonfarm employment increased by 292,000 jobs in December.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa December 2014 - December 2015



- Iowa's nonfarm employment gained 1,100 jobs in December. Private sectors were responsible for all of the gains this month.
- Construction again added jobs (+2,400) and ended the year up 10,000 jobs. This is the highest gain numerically and by percentage (+12.9 percent) of all sectors for the year.
- Trade and transportation was partially hampered by a disappointing retail shopping season and pared 2,500 jobs in December.
- Iowa nonfarm employment steadily trended up in 2015, and is now 25,600 jobs higher than last December.

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates—2015

